

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1409

Introduced by Assembly Member Baca

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 60851.2 to the Education Code, relating to academic assessment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1409, as introduced, Baca. Academic assessment.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to develop a high school exit examination in English language arts and mathematics in accordance with state academic content standards. Existing law requires, commencing with the 2003–04 school year and each school year thereafter, each pupil completing grade 12 to successfully pass the exit examination as a condition of graduation from high school.

This bill would exempt a pupil who receives passing scores on the English language arts and mathematics portions of the California Standards Tests, administered while the pupil is enrolled in high school, from the exit examination requirement. This bill would require the State Board of Education to designate the passing scores on the California Standards Tests.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 60851.2 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

1 60851.2. (a) Notwithstanding Section 60851, a pupil who
2 receives passing scores on the English language arts and
3 mathematics portions of the California Standards Tests,
4 administered while the pupil is enrolled in high school, is exempt
5 from the requirement that the pupil pass the high school exit
6 examination.

7 (b) The State Board of Education shall designate the passing
8 scores for purposes of subdivision (a).